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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRESS SUMMARY

1. HIGHLIGHTS. SATURDAY MORNING PAPERS FRONTPAGE ISRAEL CHARGES SYRIA PLANNED ATTACK TO REGAIN SALIENT; PRESIDENT URGES CAMPAIGN REFORM INCLUDING GIFT LIMITS BUT OPPOSING PUBLIC FINANCING AND CEILING ON CANDIDATE SPENDING; REP. MILLS SAYS REPORT ON NIXON'S TAXES WILL FAN FUROR FOR HIS RESIGNATION; MCCORD ACCUSES NIXON OF HAVING FATALLY INFECTED HIS TRIAL PROCEEDINGS BY SUPPRESSING EVIDENCE OF WATERGATE COVER-UP; SEARS TELLS OF MITCHELL PROMISE TO REACH NIXON'S COUNSEL JOHN DEAN TO AVERT EXPOSURE BEFORE ELECTION DAY OF 200,000 VESCO GIFT. WASHPOST FRONT PAGE ADDS ARABS SPLIT ON EMBARGO, LEBYA SEEKING TO STALL ENDING OF EMBARGO; SEARS SAYS VESCO TRIED TO USE PRESIDENT'S TWO BROTHERS TO STOP AN INVESTIGATION OF HIM BY SEC; US SAYS HILL LACKS CONSTITUTIONAL POWER OF AMNESTY.

1A. INSIDE STORIES INCLUDE: MARTIN IN SAIGON CHARGES TIMES ARTICLE WAS INACCURATE; US CANCELS MEETING WITH EUROPEANS; US WILL SOON RELAX TRAVEL CURBS ON SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN
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LINE WITH STEPS TAKEN BY SOVIETS LAST MONTH; US GERMANY TO

CONSULT ON NUCLEAR ENERGY; GAO HOLDS 255 MILLIONS IN LOW-INTEREST CREDITS TO AID EXPORTS TO SOVIET UNION WERE

UNLAWFUL, SAYING ADMINISTRATION SHOULD HAVE MADE DETERMINATION EACH OF TEN PROJECTS WAS IN NATIONAL INTEREST AND REPORTED EACH TO CONGRESS; CANADIAN TRADE MINISTER GILLESPIE SAID HE WILL PROPOSE LEGISLATION FORCING CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF US FIRMS TO IGNORE AMERICAN LAW WHEN IT CONFLICTS WITH CANADIAN INTERESTS, REPORTER SAYING HE WAS REACTING TO RELUCTANCE OF MONTREAL FIRM TO SELL LOCOMOTIVES TO CUBA.

1B. WASHPOST SQUIB REPORTS CARACAS NEWSPAPER SAYS KISSINGER WILL VISIT VENEZUELA AND ARGENTINA IN MAY TO DISCUSS ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

2. EUROPE. NYTIMES BINDER WASHINGTON REPORTS STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING US OFFICIALS HAD TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED WITH COMART REPRESENTATIVES; NO NEW DATE WAS SET FOR THIS PLANNED DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DECLARATION. BINDER SAYS DIPLOMATS OF THREE WEST EUROPEAN EMBASSIES SPECULATED POSTPONEMENT WAS OWING TO A KISSINGER DECISION TO SIGNAL ANNOYANCE WITH COMART COUNTRIES, BINDER SAYING A STICKING-POINT IS KISSINGER'S DESIRE THAT DECLARATION CONTAIN AN EXPRESSION OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN US AND COMMUNITY, BUT FRANCE HAS REFUSED, ARGUING COMMUNITY MUST ACQUIRE A SEPARATE IDENTITY. VEST SAID HARTMAN SONNENFELDT WOULD GO TO BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK FOR NATO MEETING, BUT NOT BONN WHERE COMART MEETING WAS SCHEDULED, VEST ADDING DECLARATION DOCUMENTS WERE RECEIVED ONLY WEDNESDAY FROM HILLENBRAND AND REQUIRED SUCH CAREFUL STUDY A WEDNESDAY MEETING WOULD BE TOO SOON. LAST APRIL, SAYS BINDER, KISSINGER HAD IN MIND A CRISP DISCUSSION OF A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER ENDING BY JULY AND IF HE HAD KNOWN HOW LONG DISCUSSION WOULD DRAG ON, HE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEGUN IT, EVEN THOUGH US HAS NOW NINE-TENTHS OF WHAT IT INITIALLY WANTED, ACCORDING AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO ADDED SECRETARY FEELS THAT PROTRACTED TALKS HAVE ROBBED DECLARATION OF ANY EMOTIONAL DRIVE AND PURPOSE AND IS WONDERING NOW WHETHER IT IS WORTH FURTHER STRUGGLES ON REMAINING TENTH OF WHAT

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US SOUGHT, OR LET DECLARATION STAND ROUGHLY AS IS AND GO WITH NIXON TO BRUSSELS FOR A CEREMONIAL SIGNING LATE NEXT MONTH. NYTIMES HAS BONN SPECIAL TRAILER REPORTING BONN DIPLOMATS PUZZLED BY EXPLANATION OF POSTPONED US MEETING ON GROUNDS OF FURTHER STUDY NEEDED, AND SOME SUGGESTING WASHINGTON MAY WANT TO BRING UP WHOLE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS LATER.

2A. POST LOCAL REPORTS STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT WITH BONN FOR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION ON NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

SIGNED BY DIXIE LEE RAY AND EHMKE.

2B. POST HAS ITEM FROM PARIS NEWS DISPATCHES REPORTING PARIS TODAY RENEWED ITS CALL FOR A UNITED EUROPE ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF US AND FOR COOPERATION WITH ARAB OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS, MESSMER SAYING IN LE MONDE INTERVIEW FRANCE FAVORS AFFIRMATION OF AN AUTHENTIC EUROPEAN PERSONALITY INDEPENDENT OF ITS WORLD PARTNERS. ACCORDING STORY, MESSMER SAID FRANCE CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL TO RESOLVE THE ENERGY PROBLEM NOT BY CONFRONTING CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS BUT BY COOPERATION WITH WHOLE MIDDLE EAST.

3. MARTIN. NYTIMES WASHINGTON SPECIAL REPORTS MARTIN HAS COMPLAINED TO STATE DEPARTMENT THAT A NYTIMES ARTICLE ON CONTINUED AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM CONTAINS NUMEROUS INACCURACIES AND HALF-TRUTHS, AND DEPARTMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO TIMES CABLEGRAM WHICH COMMENTS ON SURVEY ARTICLE BY SHIPLER PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 25. TIMES TODAY QUOTES SHIPLER HAVING SAID AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO SAIGON QUOTE CONTINUES TO SET THE COURSE OF THE WAR MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER SIGNING OF PARIS AGREEMENTS AND FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS UNQUOTE, SHIPLER ADDING WHETHER US IS BREAKING LETTER OF AGREEMENTS COULD PROBABLY BE ARGUED EITHER WAY BUT CERTAINLY THE AID DIRECTLY SUPPORTS SOUTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS AND SO BREAKS THE SPIRIT OF THE ACCORDS. TIMES SPECIAL SAYS MARTIN, IN PREFACE TO A PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH REBUTTAL, SAID HANOI IS PLANNING AN ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE CONGRESS TO CUT AID TO SAIGON AND EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO BRING INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON UNCLASSIFIED

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INFLUENTIAL ELEMENTS OF AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA. ACCORDING SPECIAL, MARTIN SAID SHIPLER CATEGORICALLY POSTULATES SOUTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS OF ACCORDS WITHOUT PRESENTING A SHRED OF EVIDENCE, ALSO MARTIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE AND GEN. MURRAY REFUSED TO MEET WITH SHIPLER BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD PERMIT THEIR OWN REPUTATIONS FOR INTEGRITY TO BE USED AS A PLATFORM FOR PROMOTING A CAMPAIGN TO GROSSLY DECEIVE THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PEOPLE. MARTIN ADDED THAT SHIPLER PIECE DELIBERATELY OMITTS OR TREATS SKEPTICALLY THE FLAGRANT COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS ACCORDS ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT TO SHIPLER AND NYTIMES SAIGON BUREAU BY US AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS. MARTIN INVITED KISSINGER OR SCHLESINGER TO RELEASE HIS CABLEGRAM TO COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM TO EXPOSE PROPAGANDA UNDER THE GUISE OF

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING.

3A. WASHPOST MARDER REPORTS THAT MARTIN, NOTED FOR HIS

EMBATTLED RELATIONS WITH PRESS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, FIRED OFF AN 18-PAGE CABLE OUTBURST OVER A SINGLE STORY. ACCORDING MARDER, MARTIN HAS ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION WITH SAIGON-BASED PRESS THAT EVEN FELLOW DIPLOMATS DESCRIBE AS PRETTY AWFUL OR POISONOUS. MARDER ADDS THAT MARTIN BEGAN HIS UNUSUAL CABLE, THAT HE WISHED MADE PUBLIC, BY STATING AMEMBASSY SAIGON HAS LONG BEEN AWARE OF DECISIONS TAKEN LAST FALL IN HANOI TO MOUNT ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN THIS WINTER AND SPRING TO PERSUADE CONGRESS TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE MAGNITUDE OF BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO SAIGON, AND THAT STOCKHOLM PEACE CONFERENCE WAS TO BE USED AS MAIN COORDINATING MECHANISM AND VIETCONG DELEGATION IN PARIS THE PRINCIPAL CHANNEL USING THE REMNANTS OF THE AMERICAN PEACE MOVEMENT TO BRING INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA, AND ESPECIALLY ON SUSCEPTIBLE CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS. MARDER REPORTS MARTIN CHARGED THAT THE SHIPLER ARTICLE CONTAINED DISTORTIONS OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING NUMBERS AND ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL, MARDER ADDING MARTIN SAID SHIPLER PLANNED TO WRITE A BIASED INDICTMENT OF US ROLE IN VIETNAM. MARDER SAYS DEPARTMENT MADE NO COMMENT ON MARTIN CABLE IN MAKING IT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. KISSINGER
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